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SUBJECT: JEWS IN SOVIET MOLDAVIA

1. JEWISH DISSIDENT SOURCES HAVE PROVIDED US WITH SOME DETAILS ON THE PRESENT STATE OF THE LARGE MOLDAVIAN JEWISH COMMUNITY. WE ARE TOLD THAT THERE ARE CURRENTLY 120,000 JEWS LIVING IN MOLDAVIA. OF THESE, MORE THAN 70,000 LIVE IN THE CAPITAL, KISHINEV. THE NUMBER OF REFUSENIK FAMILIES IN MOLDAVIA IS QUITE SMALL. THERE ARE 70 IN KISHINEV AND ROUGHLY THE SAME NUMBER IN THE REST OF THE REPUBLIC. WE ARE TOLD THAT THE EXTREME SEVERITY OF THE REPUBLIC OVIR, WHICH WAS DESCRIBED AS BEING FERTILE IN FINDING PRETEXTS TO REFUSE WOULD-BE EMIGRANTS, IS THE MAIN REASON FOR THE SMALL NUMBER OF JEWS CURRENTLY APPLYING FOR EMIGRATION. APART FROM OVER, OTHER REPUBLICAN-LEVEL AND LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANS ARE UNUSUALLY ACTIVE IN ANTI-SEMITIC ACTIVITIES DIRECTED PARTICULARLY AGAINST APPLICANTS FOR EMIGRATION.

2. DESPITE THE BLEAK PICTURE, TWO LONG-TERM REFUSENIKS HAVE BEEN TOLD IN THE LAST WEEK THAT THEY WILL BE GRANTED EXIT VISAS.
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